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Reply to Office Action of July 15, 2004PATENT
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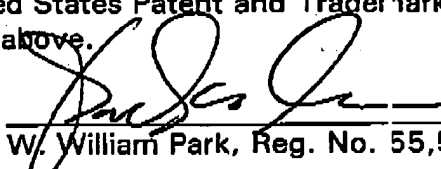
In re Application: Osamu MIZUNO et al.] GRP ART UNIT: 2624
Serial No: 09/898,984] Ex.: CHEN, Weipeng
Filed: July 3, 2001]
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CODING BINARY IMAGE WITH
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W. William Park, Reg. No. 55,523**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2004, setting a 3-month shortened statutory period for a reply ending on October 15, 2004, Applicants submit the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. This amendment is considered to place the application in better condition for allowance.

No fee is believed to be required with this amendment, but, if this is not the case, please charge the requisite fee (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit.

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